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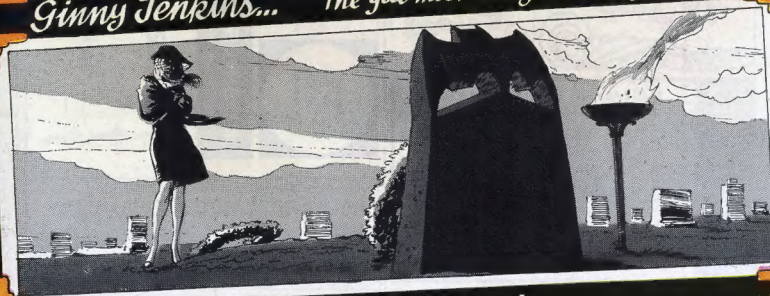
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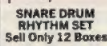
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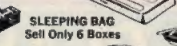
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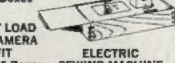
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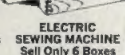
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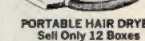
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STORY:  
FRANK  
ROBBINS

# BATMAN

ART:  
BOB BROWN  
AND  
JOE GIELLA

HAR! TO FINALLY  
UNMASK BATMAN!

N-NO--IT CAN'T BE!  
N-NOT--?!



HAS THE UNSPEAKABLE  
FINALLY COME TO PASS?  
HAS THE GAL WHO ADORED  
THE UNCONQUERABLE  
BATMAN SINCE HER  
HIGH SCHOOL DAYS...THE  
"GAL MOST LIKELY TO  
MARRY BATMAN"...  
TURNED INTO THE FATAL  
LURE THAT WILL "BURY  
BATMAN"? WHAT STRANGE  
QUIRK OF FATE HAS  
TRANSFORMED THE  
LOVELY, GUILTESS  
GINNY JENKINS INTO...

"THE GAL MOST LIKELY TO BE"  
**BATMAN'S WIDOW!"**

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"DID Y'EVER GET THE FEELING IT WAS GOING TO BE ONE OF **THOSE NIGHTS...**?"

WELL, **I DID--THIS PARTICULAR NIGHT!**

EVENIN', MR. ARNOLD--  
THE USUAL?

RIGHT, TIM! UP-TIGHT  
DAY AT THE OFFICE  
AND A HOT DATE  
TONIGHT--- I NEED  
LOOSENING UP!



LOOKS LIKE  
YOU'RE A  
LITTLE **TOO**  
LOOSE RIGHT  
NOW, MR.  
ARNOLD!

UP **HERE'S** WHERE  
THE MUSCLE IS, PAL!  
LOOK WHERE THE  
BIG PHYSIQUE  
GOT **YOU!**

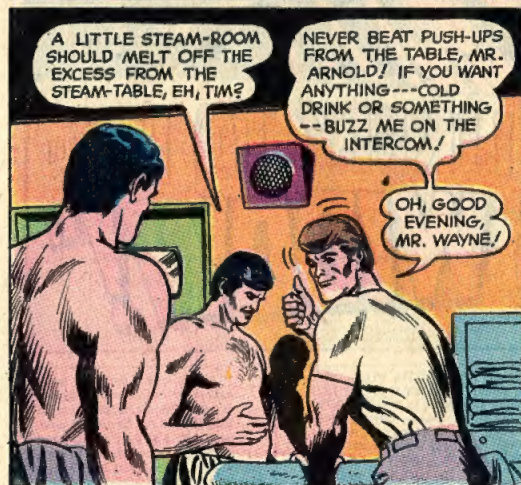


"I SURE CALLED THE SHOT THAT NIGHT/  
FIRST... MY GAL HARD-TIMING ME EARLIER...  
AND NOW **THIS!**"

NEVER MADE  
ANY CLAIM  
TO BRAIN-  
FAME, MR.  
ARNOLD!  
JUST MEANT...



YEAH, GUESS I **AM**  
PUTTING IT ON! RUNNING  
MY OLD MAN'S RACK--  
ER--GOURMET  
MAGAZINE, GETS  
ME **TOO MANY**  
FREE FEEDS!



A LITTLE STEAM-ROOM  
SHOULD MELT OFF THE  
EXCESS FROM THE  
STEAM-TABLE, EH, TIM?

NEVER BEAT PUSH-UPS  
FROM THE TABLE, MR.  
ARNOLD! IF YOU WANT  
ANYTHING---COLD  
DRINK OR SOMETHING  
--BUZZ ME ON THE  
INTERCOM!

OH, GOOD  
EVENING,  
MR. WAYNE!



I'M EXPECTING  
A COUPLA FRIENDS,  
TIM! SHOW 'EM  
TO MY... **HEH...**  
PRIVATE OFFICE!

WILL  
DO...

**HI, TIM!**  
HOW ARE  
THINGS  
WITH  
YOU AND  
GINNY  
JENKINS?

TO STEAM-ROOM





ASK **HIM!** EVER SINCE GINNY BECAME "FOOD-REVIEW" EDITOR FOR HIS MAG--- SHE WORKS NIGHTS...

HMM, GUESS SHE'D HAVE TO...MOST POSH RESTAURANTS MAKE THEIR BIG PLAY FOR THE DINNER CROWD! A SHAME GINNY COULDN'T COMBINE **BUSINESS** AND **PLEASURE** FOR **BOTH** OF YOU!



MAYBE SHE COULD -- BUT MAYBE **I** DON'T FIT IN WITH THE "**IN**" CROWD. SHE EATS WITH!

YOU SOUND BITTER, TIM! THOUGHT YOU TWO KIDS HAD A GOOD THING GOING...



WE **DID**, MR. WAYNE-- AND I HAVE **YOU** TO THANK FOR IT!

WHERE'S ARNOLD, BUB?

STEAM-ROOM--FIRST DOOR ON THE LEFT!



"WHEN YOU CALLED ME IN TO GIVE GINNY JENKINS PHYSICAL-THERAPY AFTER THAT BULLET WOUND IN HER ARM! WE HIT IT OFF REAL GOOD RIGHT AWAY, MR. WAYNE!"

\*"MARITAL BLISS MISS!" IN DETECTIVE COMICS #360



AFTER SHE WAS RELEASED, WE WERE JUST BEGINNING TO DIG EACH OTHER-- SOME SIMPLE DATES-- MOVIES AND STUFF---AND THEN, SHE LANDS THIS BIG-WHEEL JOB!

**KLIK**

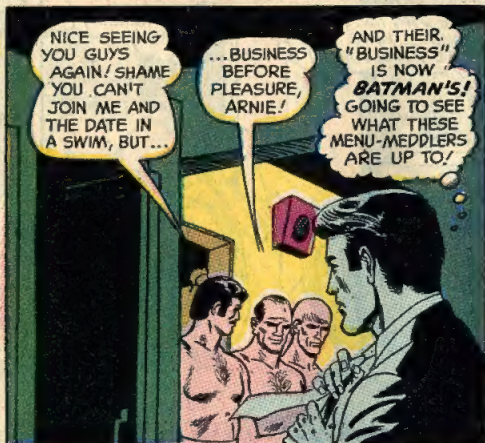
...WHAT'S THE BIT TONIGHT, ARNIE?



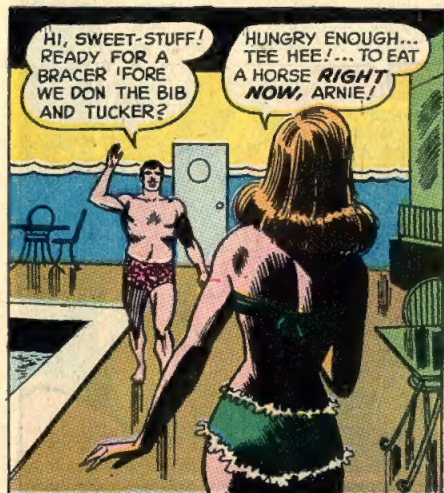
EH? FOR A MOMENT I THOUGHT MR. ARNOLD WANTED SOMETHING --GUESS SOMEONE IN THE STEAM-ROOM TRIPPED THE CALL-SWITCH, ACCIDENTAL-LIKE!

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HI, SWEET-STUFF!  
READY FOR A  
BRACER 'FORE  
WE DON THE BIB  
AND TUCKER?

HUNGRY ENOUGH...  
TEE HEE!... TO EAT  
A HORSE **RIGHT  
NOW**, ARNIE!



BABY, YOU DON'T  
GET PAID FOR  
WRITING ABOUT  
**HORSE-D'OUVRES!**  
**HAW!**

**G-GINNY?!**



**TIM...?!**  
D-DIDN'T  
KNOW  
YOU  
WORKED--  
**HERE?**

KNOW EACH OTHER,  
EH? GOT TO GIVE  
YOU CREDIT, MUSCLE-  
HEAD---YOU RECOGNIZE  
**CLASS** WHEN YOU  
SEE IT!

BUT GIVE  
ME THOSE  
GLASSES  
---'FORE  
YOU  
CRACK-UP  
FROM  
SHOCK!



C'MON, GINNY BABY--  
DIDN'T BRING YOU  
HERE AS A **PIN-UP**  
FOR THE **HIRED  
HELP!**



"LIKE I SAID BEFORE...IT FIGURED  
TO BE ONE OF THOSE NIGHTS! BUT  
**NOW...** IT LOOKED LIKE IT WAS  
GOING TO BE **FOREVER!**"

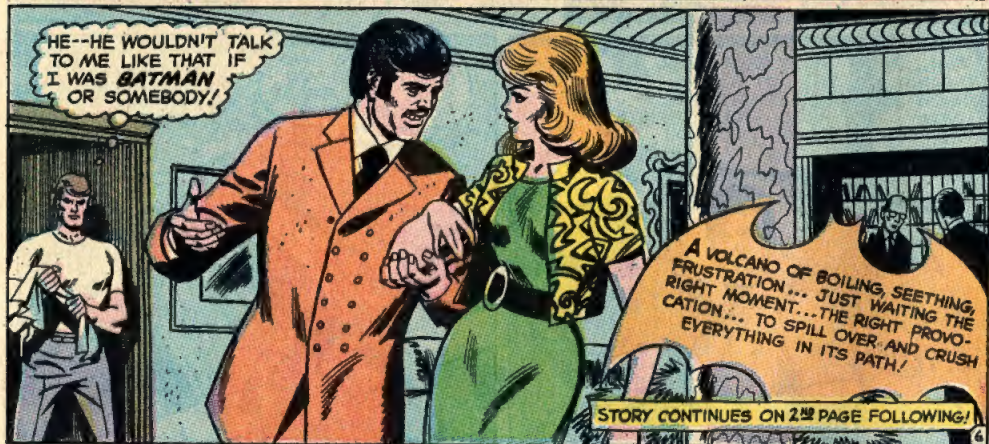


"I COULDN'T WAIT TILL  
HE CAME BACK 'IN--AND  
THEN... DESPITE WHAT  
MR. WAYNE TOLD ME..."

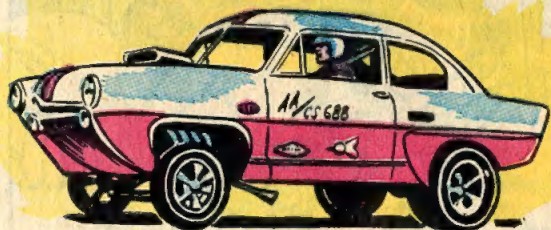
TIM! W-WHA...?

DON'T SOFT-  
MOUTH  
**ME**, Y'CREEP! GINNY'S  
A **NICE** KID---NOT  
ONE OF YOUR FINKY  
CHICKS! I'M WARNING  
YOU---**LAY OFF!**





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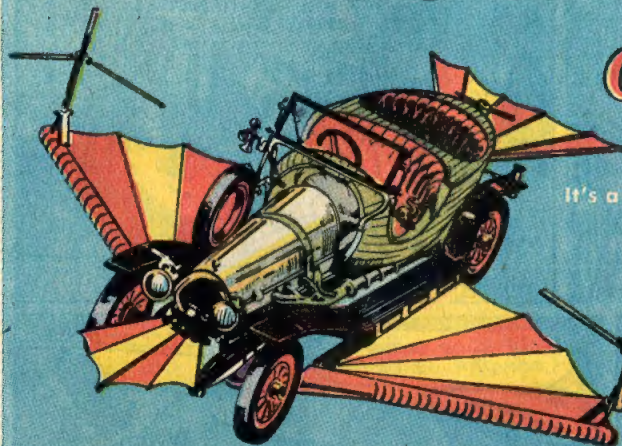


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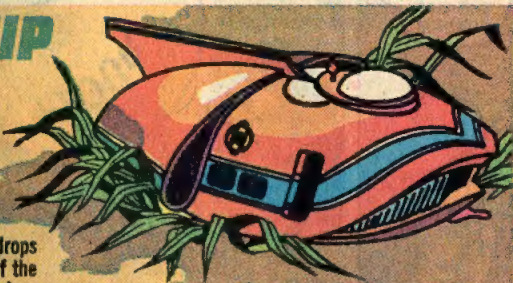
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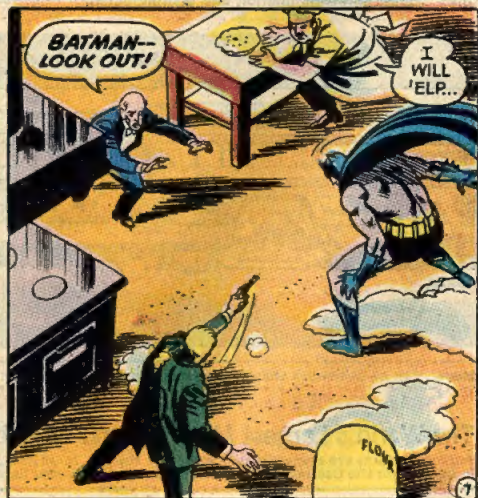
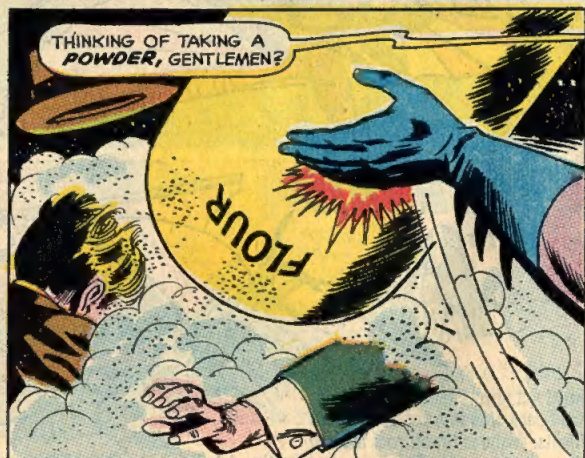
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AS THE **CAPED CRUSADER** DUCKS THE SILENCED SHOT, HIS VOLUNTEER HELPER SUFFERS A "CONFLICT OF INTERESTS"!

OH-H, NON... MY GREATEST **CREATION**--- "MERINGUE LIMON A LA MONTMORENCY"--- OW CAN I **DESTROY** IT?

IT IS **IT**--- OR **US**! I WILL HELP YOU **DECIDE!**

ALMOST HAD "TOO MANY CHEFS SPOILING THE--- **BATMAN**!" BUT THANKS ANYWAY, GENTLEMEN!

**KSMUSH**

BUT THE ALMOST COMIC SITUATION REVERTS TO TENSE DRAMA AS **BATMAN** TOSSES A **LOADED** QUESTION!...

OKAY, RAVELL--- **WHO** PUT THESE JOKERS UP TO THIS?

WHO? NO ONE BUT THOSE **EXTORTIONISTS!** THEY DEMANDED MONEY FOR "PROTECTION!"

WHAT IS THE USE? **BATMAN** CAN'T WATCH OVER ME **ALWAYS!**

REALIZING THAT CONTINUED PRESSURE WILL ONLY CREATE MORE RESISTANCE...

JUST WHAT I WAS AFRAID OF! HE'S **TERRORIZED**--- DOESN'T **DARE** IMPLICATE ARNOLD AND HIS PONEY TIE-IN AD RACKET!

HAVE TO FIND **ANOTHER** WAY TO NAIL HIM!

AND, MOMENTS LATER, AT ARNIE'S TABLE...

HOW NICE! MR. RAVELL WANTS TO PLACE A YEAR'S ADS IN OUR PUBLICATION, GINNY!

MMM--- AND MY COMPLIMENTS TO HIS CHEF, ARNIE! I'VE RARELY TASTED BETTER!

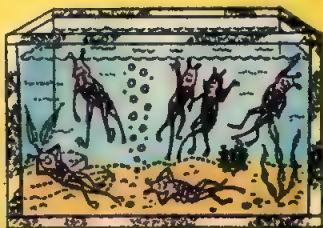


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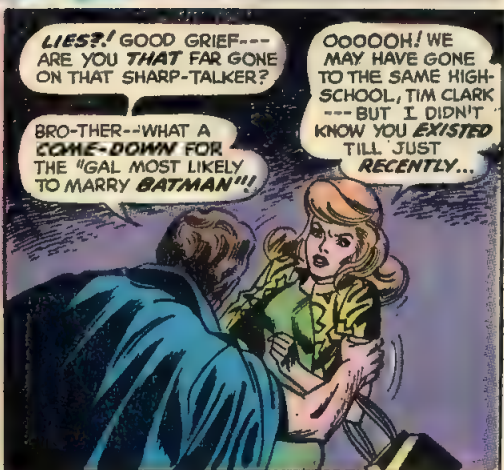
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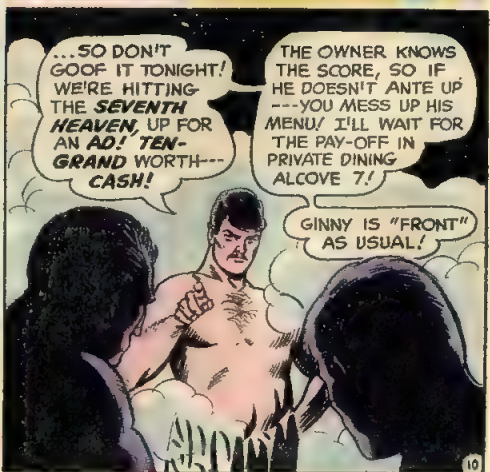
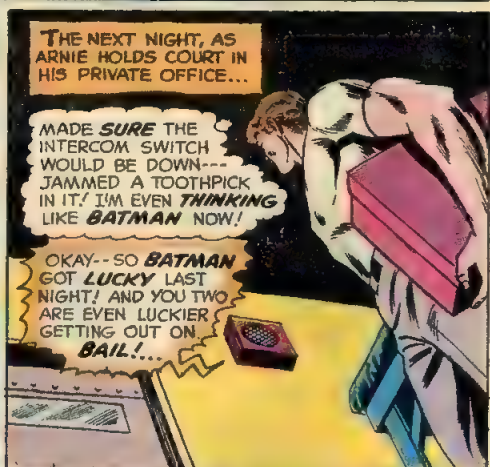
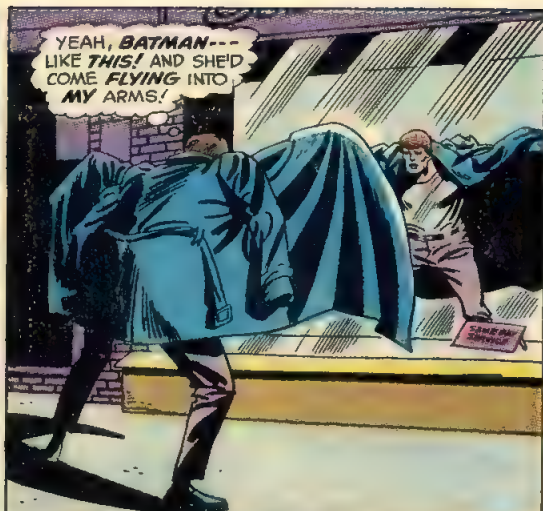
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MOMENTS LATER,  
A FAMILIAR FIGURE  
DARTS FROM THE  
BACK DOOR OF THE  
GOTHAM HEALTH  
CLUB...

GOT TIME TO GET  
THE JUMP ON THEM,  
AND BE *WAITING*...

...THEN I'LL  
*PROVE* IT  
TO GINNY!

WHILE INSIDE, AFTER THE PLOTTERS  
LEAVE THE STEAM-ROOM TO DRESS...

LATER, AT  
GOTHAM  
AIRPORT...

OOOH, ARNIE ---  
WHAT A DEVASTATING  
DESIGN! AND SUCH  
AN APROPOS NAME:  
*SEVENTH HEAVEN!*  
HOPE THE FOOD IS  
JUST AS ANGELIC...

EVERYTHING  
ABOUT THIS  
SET-UP, GINNY,  
IS --- *SKY'S*  
THE LIMIT!

IN THE OWNER'S  
OFFICE ON A  
LOWER FLOOR...

G. OWENS

MR. OWENS--YOUR PARTY  
JUST WENT UP TO DINING  
ALCOVE 7! AND THERE ARE  
TWO--ER-- GENTLEMEN  
WAITING TO SEE YOU  
IN THE KITCHEN!

TELL THEM I'LL  
BE RIGHT THERE,  
STEPHEN...

WHEN THE  
*MAITRE D'*  
LEAVES...

I *WOULDN'T*  
IF I WERE YOU,  
MR. OWENS!

I'LL *SEE*  
THEM-- IN  
HADES  
FIRST!





**BATMAN? STAY OUT OF THIS-- IT'S A PRIVATE AFFAIR!**

IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN--IF IT STOPPED RIGHT **HERE!** BUT THIS IS A **CITY-WIDE SHAKEDOWN--** WHICH MAKES IT A **PUBLIC AFFAIR!**

YOU'VE GOT OVER TEN-THOUSAND CASH IN YOUR SAFE? THIS IS WHAT I WANT YOU TO DO...

**SHORTLY, INSIDE THE KITCHEN ...**

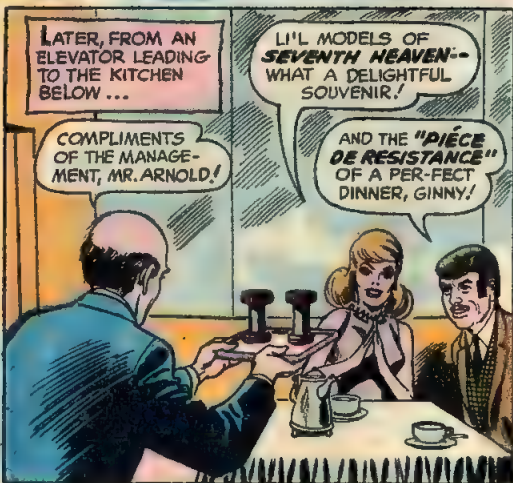
YEAH, WE'LL WAIT-- BUT NOT FOR LONG! THIS **CHILI-POWDER** IS JUST BURNING TO HEAT UP A FEW **PALATES!**

STEPHEN... THIS IS MR. OWENS! INFORM OUR "GUESTS" IN ALCOVE NO. 7 THAT **FULL-PAYMENT** WILL BE FORTH-COMING WHEN THEY FINISH THEIR REPAST!



NOW THAT'S **BETTER AN' WISER!**

BUT JUST IN CASE YOU GET A CHANGE OF HEART, OWENS-- WE STAY HERE AND KEEP OUR **POWDER DRY!** AND **H-O-T!**

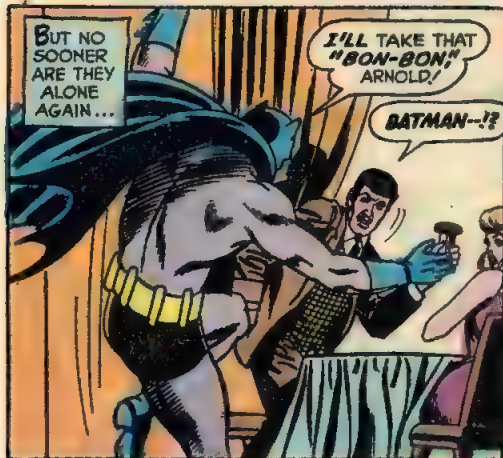


**LATER, FROM AN ELEVATOR LEADING TO THE KITCHEN BELOW ...**

COMPLIMENTS OF THE MANAGEMENT, MR. ARNOLD!

LI'L MODELS OF **SEVENTH HEAVEN--** WHAT A DELIGHTFUL SOUVENIR!

AND THE **"PIÈCE DE RESISTANCE"** OF A PER-FECT DINNER, GINNY!



BUT NO SOONER ARE THEY ALONE AGAIN ...

I'LL TAKE THAT **"BON-BON,"** ARNOLD!

**BATMAN--!?**

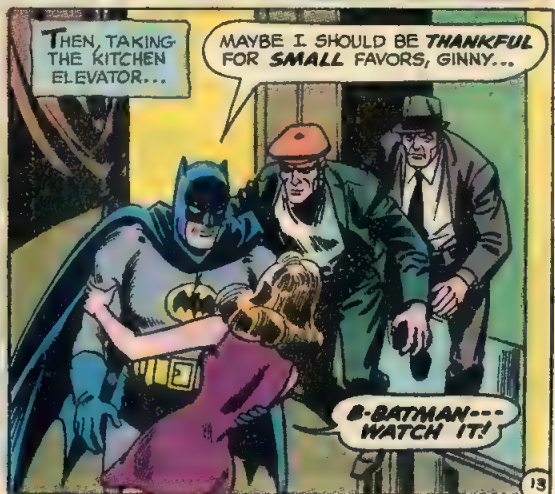
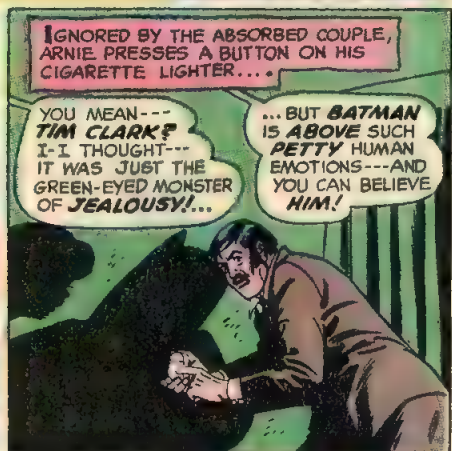


JUST AS I FIGURED-- **PAY-OFF MONEY!**

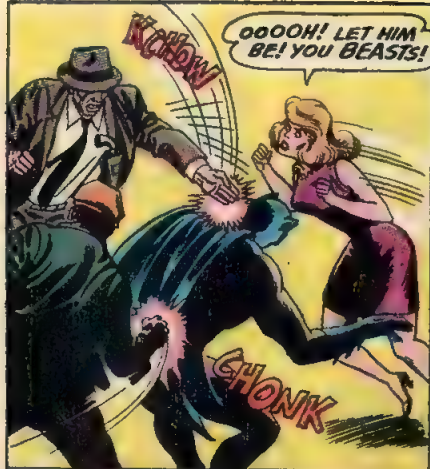
NOW YOU **SEE IT,** GINNY-- AND YOU BETTER **BELIEVE IT!**

OH-H, **NO!** ARNIE...?

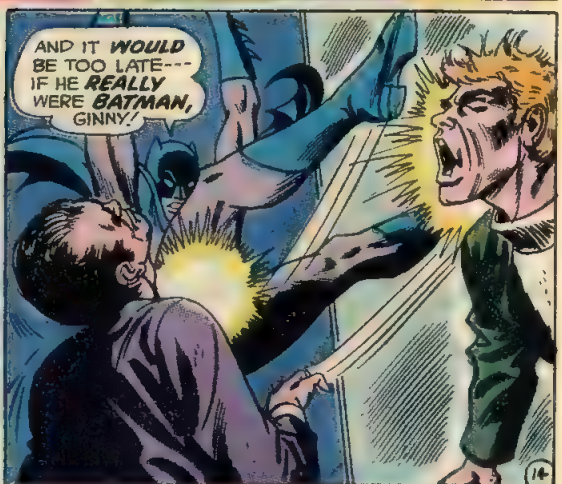
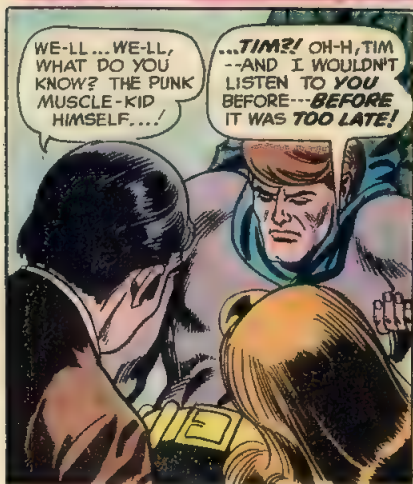
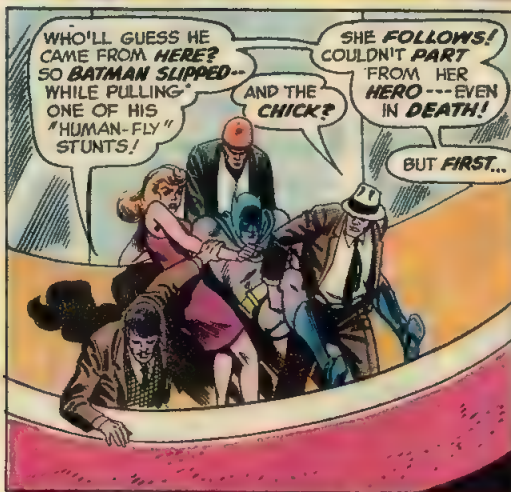
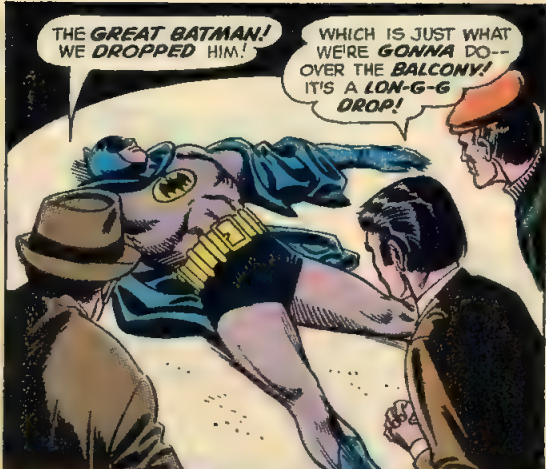








OOOOH! LET HIM BE! YOU BEASTS!

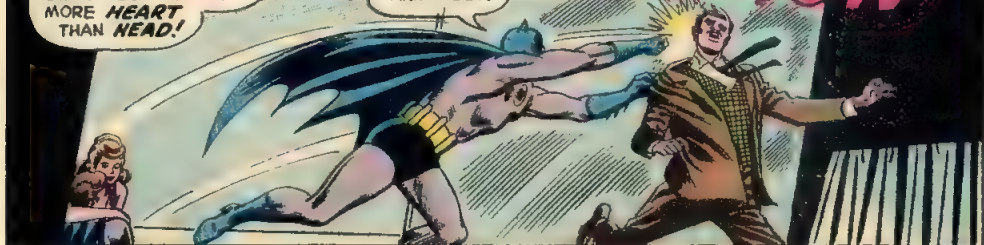




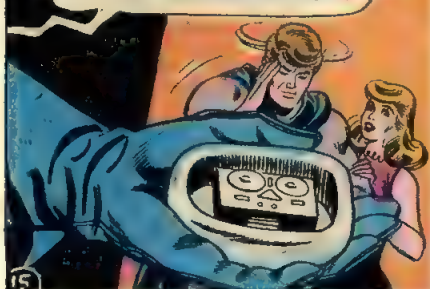
TIM MIGHT'VE MADE  
A CONVINCING **DOUBLE**,  
GINNY--BUT HE HAD  
MORE **HEART**  
THAN **HEAD!**

CAN'T HAVE THE "HOST" LEAVING  
**BEFORE THE PARTY'S OVER,**  
ARNIE-BOY!

**KAPOW**



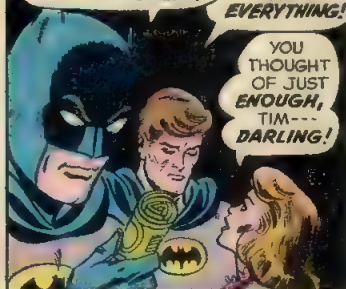
THIS **MICRO-RECORDER** PLANTED  
IN A BAR OF SOAP IN THE STEAM-ROOM  
GIVES ME THE **EVIDENCE** TO BOLSTER  
MY CASE AGAINST ARNOLD...



...ALONG WITH THIS  
**MARKED PAY-OFF**  
MONEY I ARRANGED  
WITH MR. OWENS!

GEE...  
GUESS I  
DIDN'T  
THINK OF  
**EVERYTHING!**

YOU  
THOUGHT  
OF JUST  
ENOUGH,  
TIM--  
**DARLING!**



HMM...THE  
"GAL MOST  
LIKELY TO MARRY  
**BATMAN!**" MAY  
SUCCEED AFTER  
ALL! BUT---  
WILL THEY LET  
ME BE **BEST-**  
MAN?



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BE **SCARY!**

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**ALIAS--REN UOXON**  
**ORIGIN--TORMA**  
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 The cover of Adventure Comics No. 364 features Supergirl in her blue and red costume, Superman in his blue and red suit, and Volar in a red shirt and yellow pants. They are standing in front of a cityscape. Supergirl is holding a small device, and Volar is looking at it.



**Dear Editor:**

What a month! May, 1969 will go down in history as the month of the anniversaries. Ten years since the introduction of *Supergirl*; twenty years since *Superboy* #1; five years of the "New Look" *Batman*; but most important of all, thirty big years since the first *Batman* story was published in *Detective Comics*. Congratulations!

I'm glad you saw fit to reprint all six pages of "The Case of The Chemical Syndicate." I've wanted to read the whole story ever since you reprinted the first historical page one in *Batman's* 200th issue.

Mike Friedrich did an excellent job of updating this old story, pointing out some of the many differences between "now" and "then". Not only did he show the physical changes (rebellious youth, teen-age slang, etc.), but he also showed us the difference between a straight telling of a simple plot and a really good story (using the same basic plot) with an expertly interwoven sub-plot. The last panel typifies the latter: "I've got me some heavy-yy thinkin' to do—" "The Cry of the Night" leaves us with something to think about too, by showing a new aspect of the age-old Youth-versus-Establishment problem, as well as a greater insight into both *Robin's* and *Batman's* character.

If you can't find fault with an issue, how else can you score it but a 100% well deserved.

—PETER G. HAAG, Trenton, N.J.

(Can an issue ever rate 100% with 100% of the readers? Not when there is a waverer in our midst, as witness the next Flagg-Waverer.—Editor)

**Dear Editor:**

Sure, mine is just one of the many letters-of-comment you'll receive praising your 30th Anniversary Issue of *Detective*. A lot of them will tell you it's the best issue of *Detective* they've ever read—as I am. A few might go so far as to tell you it's the best comic they've ever read. Now, I wouldn't go that far, but it was mighty good.

The updated version of your very first *Batman* story (I'll go to any length to keep from having to write out a lengthy story title) was Mike Friedrich's best *Batman* tale yet, and Mike assured this by incorporating all the elements generally considered necessary for an ideal *Batman* story; a nocturnal setting, a murder mystery, and a reliance on *Batman's* deductive abilities rather than pseudo-scientific devices.

There were a couple of things, though, that kept me from totally enjoying the tale. The first of these is the use of a hippie (or, more specifically, a hippie-type) as a heavy. It seems that whenever you use what you consider a hippie in your stories, his appearance is used as a short-cut to, or even a substitute for, characterization. The longer a person's hair and the weirder his dress, the more villainous he is.

Another thing I disliked was the way Mike ended the story. No, I don't mean I disliked the denouement, but it was the trite "The End—Or the Beginning?" he finished with. Instead of the traditional "The End", you've lately been trying to close your stories with cute little twists, such as "The Living (?) End", "Fade Away", "30", "All's Well that Ends Well", and suchlike. They are fine when they fit, but when they're obviously forced, they detract from the ending, and thus

from the entire story.

—GORDON FLAGG, JR., Atlanta, Ga.

(But it is tradition we're in the process of getting away from ("The big change is coming to *Batman*! You've got to see it to believe it!"). As for that hippie-swing-er, more on that in the next LOC.—Editor)

**Dear Editor:**

Thank You! Thank You! Thank you for *Detective Comics* #387! This was truly a worthy tribute to *Batman's* first appearance! And that updated story—the second and third-page spread overwhelmed me! Fantastic!

I enjoyed the way Mike Friedrich portrayed Comm. Gordon. His attitude is all too familiar to that of many of society's people, whether they be cops, bank presidents, or other teens. Everyone has prejudices whether he admits it or not. It might be a major one or something small, but it's there. Such is the way of our society. This is proven even more by *Robin's* accusations. He made me sick on page 5, panel 1. You must admit that there is an element of truth in Lambert's statement. Maybe *Robin* knows this and, being part of the "system", is trying to hide it. He thinks of him as a good-for-nothing hippie.

What is a hippie? Ask someone. He might say he's a person who believes in love and peace. I so believe—and am not a hippie. He might retort that it's someone who wears peace symbols and weird clothes. I've been accused of wearing "weird" clothes and I'm no hippie. Or maybe he'll say it's someone with long hair. Well, mine's getting there and there are a lot of kids in school that have it. No hippies. But when someone goes to New York for the first time, he'd probably say, "Look at all the hippies!" just because of the way they look. It happens that *Robin* is one of those many people, making him another human being.

—JOE RUSNAK, Montville, N.J.

**Dear Editor:**

Your 30th Anniversary *Detective* really hit the spot. Both the original 1939 story and the updated version were great on their own merits; art, plot, dialogue, and characterizations.

The conflict of *Robin* versus the murder victim's suspect son was well plotted, and the outcome was in keeping with *Robin's* true nature. The characterization of Mel as an aggressive man of peace was brilliant, and as such, I was convinced that he could not be the killer, for murder in any form was not his bag.

In the original version, the victim's son is conformist and passive, and this characterization was interesting because the lack of depthness to the character rendered him a likely suspect—proven innocent when Stryker exposes himself. I rather enjoyed the art of the 1939 original story and the dialogue was fine. Both stories conveyed the mysteriousness of *The Bat-Man* (and I prefer *The Batman* to just *Batman* as far as the Gotham Crime-Buster's name is concerned). I like *The Batman* because he was rougher on murderers than is the present *Batman*.

—ROBERT BURROS, Woodside, N.Y.

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# ROBIN

- THE BOY WONDER -

SCRIPT:  
MIKE  
FRIEDRICH

... AND SO THERE  
WILL BE NO FURTHER  
TALKS WITH THE  
TEACHERS' UNION  
UNTIL THEY CHANGE  
THEIR OBSTINATE  
STAND!



## "STRIKE!"

**T**HE SHOCKED SILENCE IS SUDDENLY SHATTERED  
BY A SWARM OF STACCATO QUESTIONS AND  
SHARP STROBES...

WHY THE  
SUDDEN  
SHIFT?

WHEN DID THIS  
DECISION COME  
ABOUT?

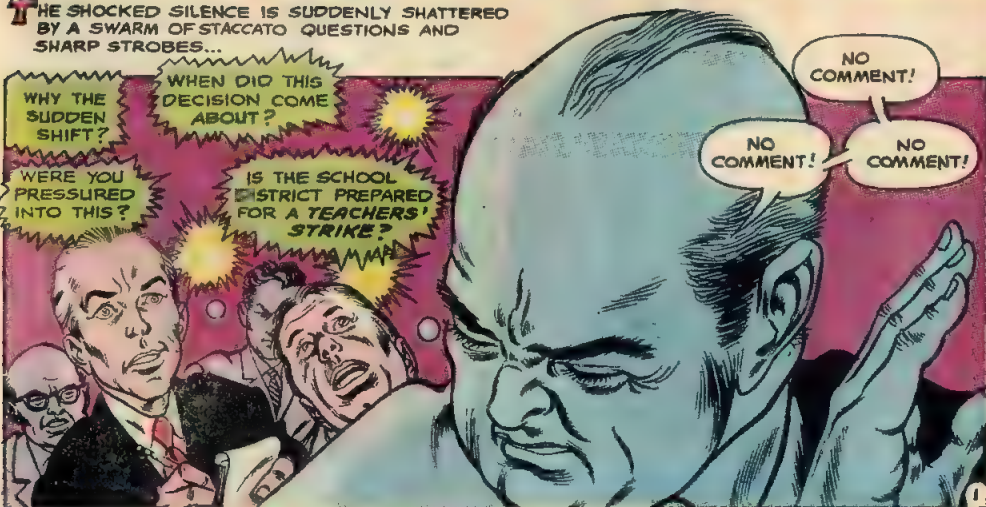
WERE YOU  
PRESSURED  
INTO THIS?

IS THE SCHOOL  
DISTRICT PREPARED  
FOR A TEACHERS'  
STRIKE?

NO  
COMMENT!

NO  
COMMENT!

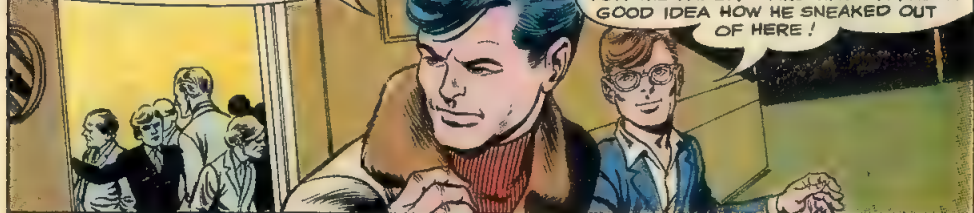
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COMMENT!





HOW COULD SUCH A THING HAPPEN, ROCKY--  
JUST WHEN THE CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS...  
THANKS TO YOUR **WEST SIDE EDITORIAL**...  
WERE GOING SO SMOOTHLY?

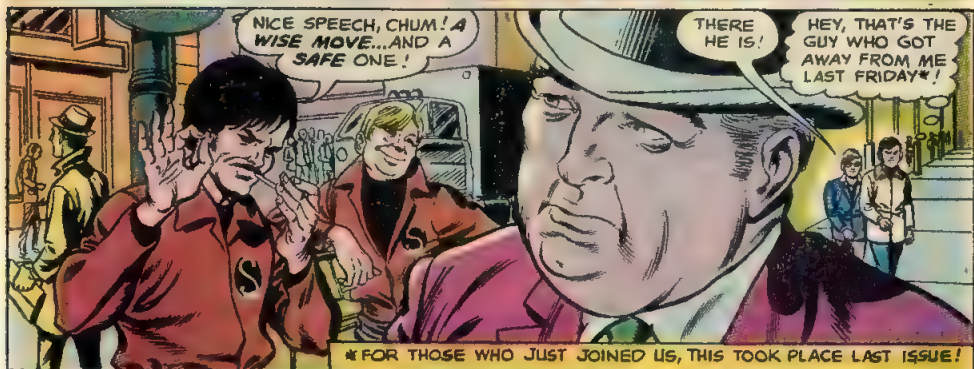
MAYBE **WE** CAN GET THE HEAD-  
NEGOTIATOR TO EXPLAIN HIS TURNABOUT!  
COME ON, DICK... I KNOW THIS PLACE  
PRETTY WELL... I'VE BEEN HERE A LOT  
FOR THE PAPER-- AND HAVE A PRETTY  
GOOD IDEA HOW HE SNEAKED OUT  
OF HERE!



NICE SPEECH, CHUM! A  
WISE MOVE...AND A  
SAFE ONE!

THERE  
HE IS!

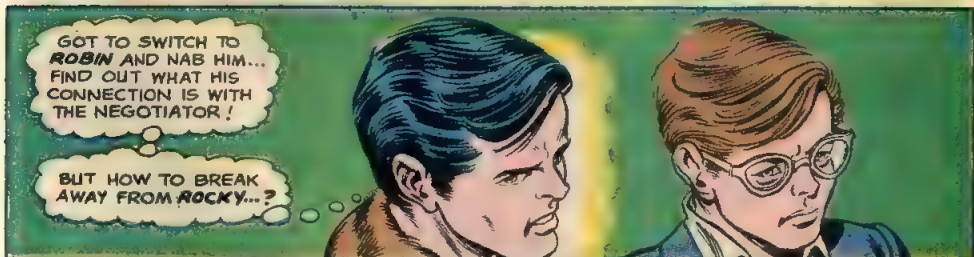
HEY, THAT'S THE  
GUY WHO GOT  
AWAY FROM ME  
LAST FRIDAY\*



\*FOR THOSE WHO JUST JOINED US, THIS TOOK PLACE LAST ISSUE!

GOT TO SWITCH TO  
**ROBIN** AND NAB HIM...  
FIND OUT WHAT HIS  
CONNECTION IS WITH  
THE NEGOTIATOR!

BUT HOW TO BREAK  
AWAY FROM **ROCKY**...?



YOU GO AHEAD AND  
QUESTION THE NEGOTIATOR,  
DICK! I--UHH-- JUST  
REMEMBERED AN IMPORTANT  
APPOINTMENT!

Whew!  
AN ANSWER TO  
A **ROBIN'S**  
PRAYER!

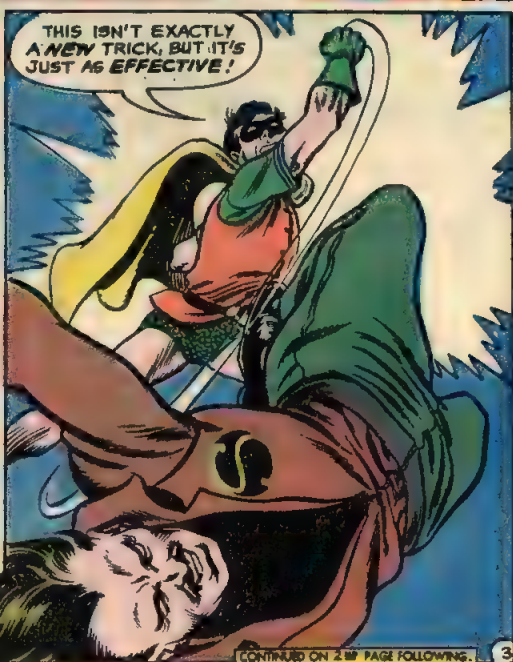
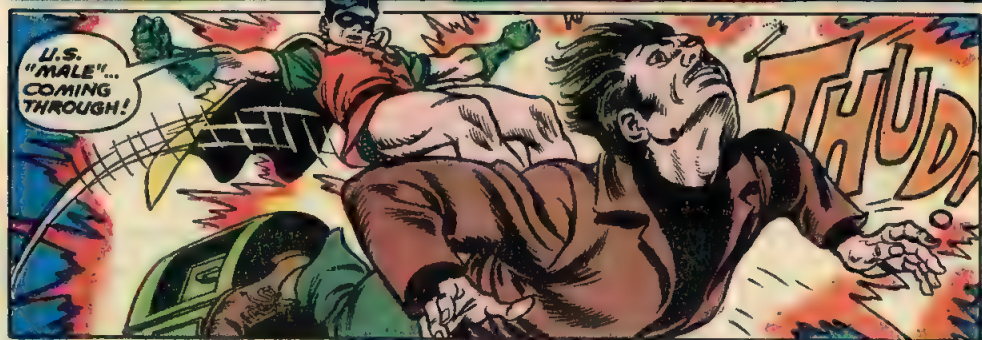
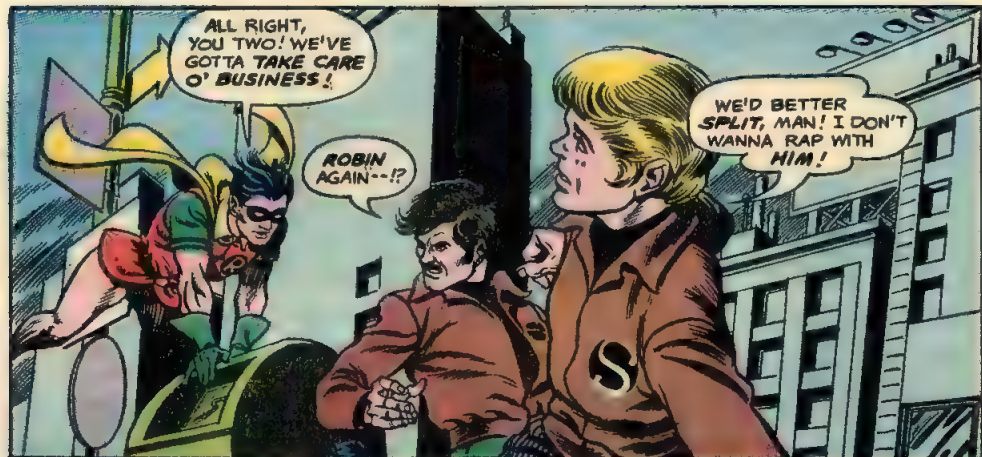
OKAY...  
I'LL CHECK  
WITH YOU  
LATER!



**D**ASHING INTO  
A DARK ALLEY,  
DICK GRAYSON  
QUICKLY SHEDS  
HIS OUTER  
CLOTHING AND  
EMERGES AS  
**GOtham's**  
**TEEN**  
**TITAN!**...









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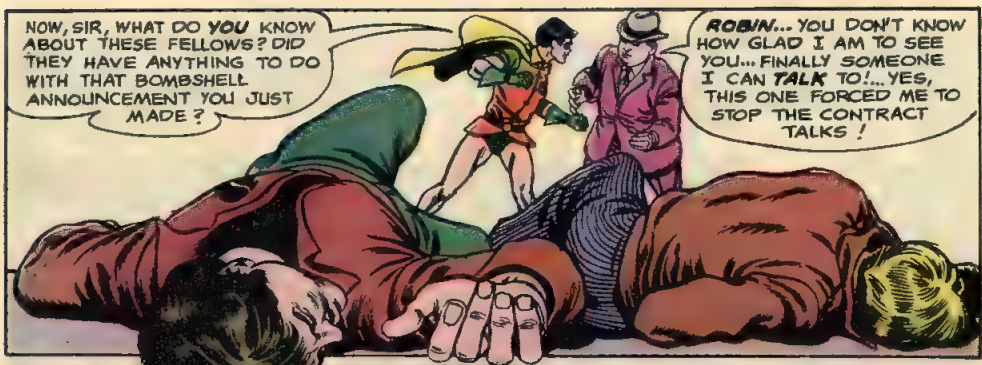
MONEY-BACK IF NOT HAPPY YOU JOINED CLUB





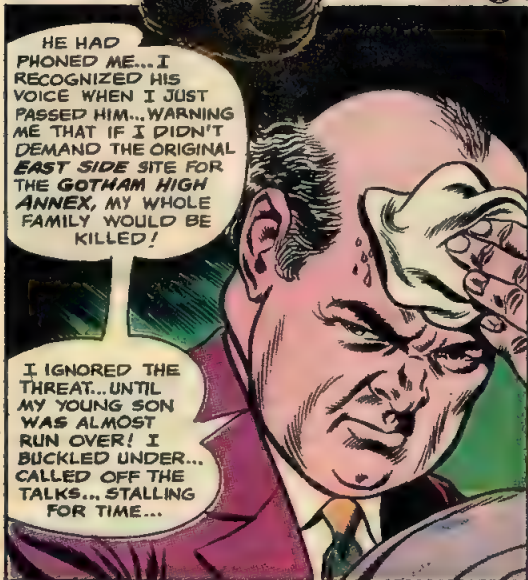
NOW, SIR, WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THESE FELLOWS? DID THEY HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THAT BOMBHELL ANNOUNCEMENT YOU JUST MADE?

ROBIN... YOU DON'T KNOW HOW GLAD I AM TO SEE YOU... FINALLY SOMEONE I CAN TALK TO!... YES, THIS ONE FORCED ME TO STOP THE CONTRACT TALKS!



HE HAD PHONED ME... I RECOGNIZED HIS VOICE WHEN I JUST PASSED HIM... WARNING ME THAT IF I DIDN'T DEMAND THE ORIGINAL EAST SIDE SITE FOR THE GOTHAM HIGH ANNEX, MY WHOLE FAMILY WOULD BE KILLED!

I IGNORED THE THREAT... UNTIL MY YOUNG SON WAS ALMOST RUN OVER! I BUCKLED UNDER... CALLED OFF THE TALKS... STALLING FOR TIME...



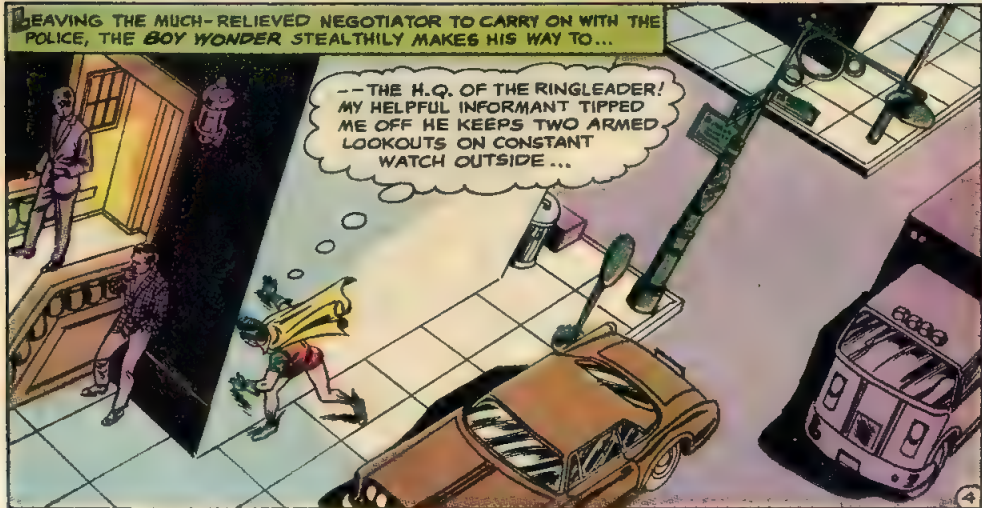
H-HEY, MAN, I DON'T WANNA GET BUSTED ON NO MURDER NUMBER! ALL MY BUDDIES WERE SUPPOSED TO DO WAS MESS UP THIS GUY AN' MAKE SOME QUICK BREAD! THE BOSS SAID NOTHIN' ABOUT A MURDER GIG!

YOU MIGHT GET OFF THE HOOK BY TELLING ME WHERE THIS BOSS' PAD IS!

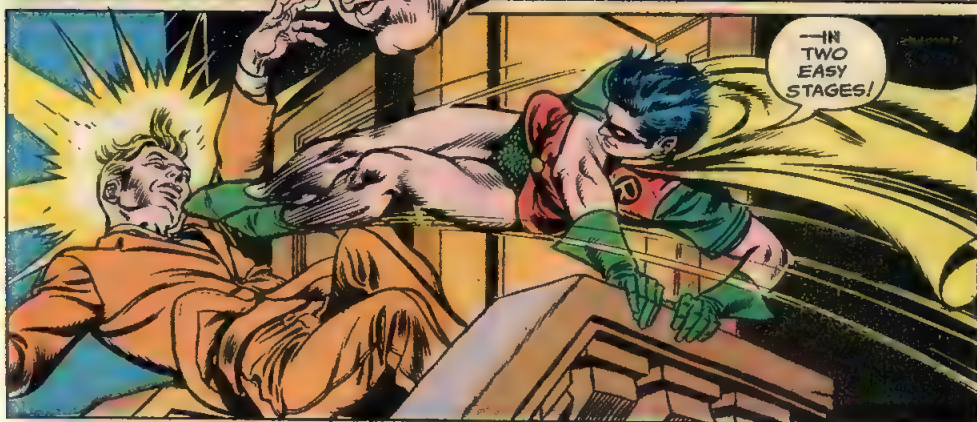


LEAVING THE MUCH-RELIEVED NEGOTIATOR TO CARRY ON WITH THE POLICE, THE BOY WONDER STEALTHILY MAKES HIS WAY TO...

--THE H.Q. OF THE RINGLEADER! MY HELPFUL INFORMANT TIPPED ME OFF HE KEEPS TWO ARMED LOOKOUTS ON CONSTANT WATCH OUTSIDE...







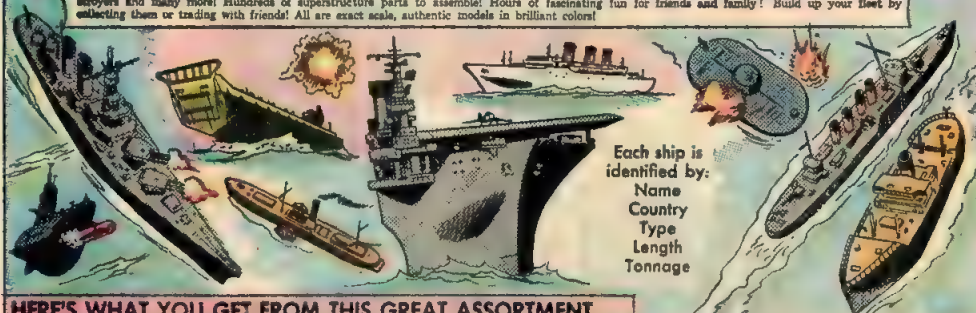


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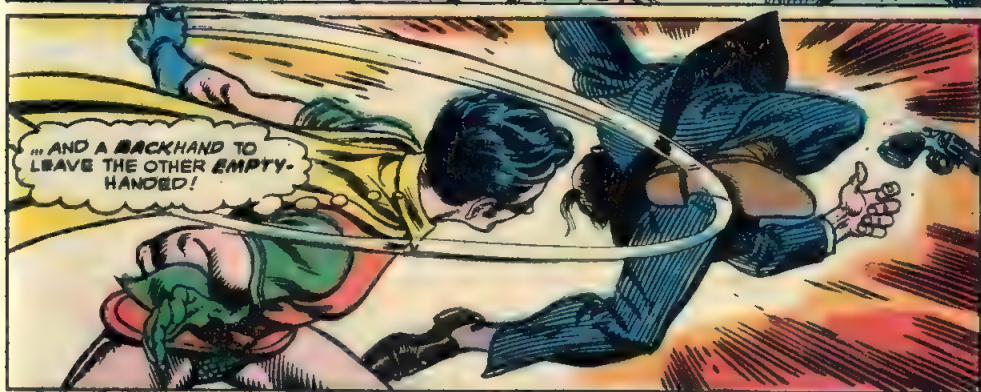
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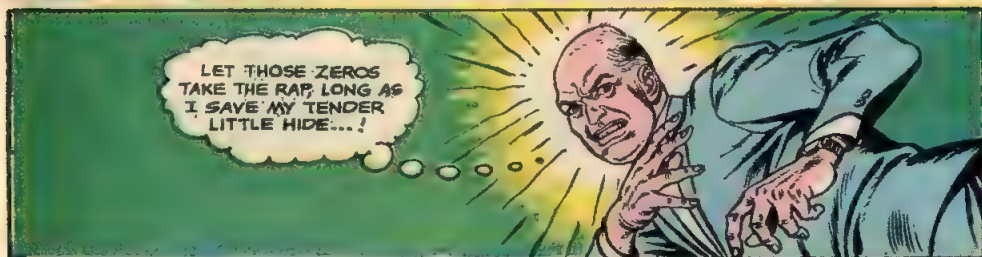
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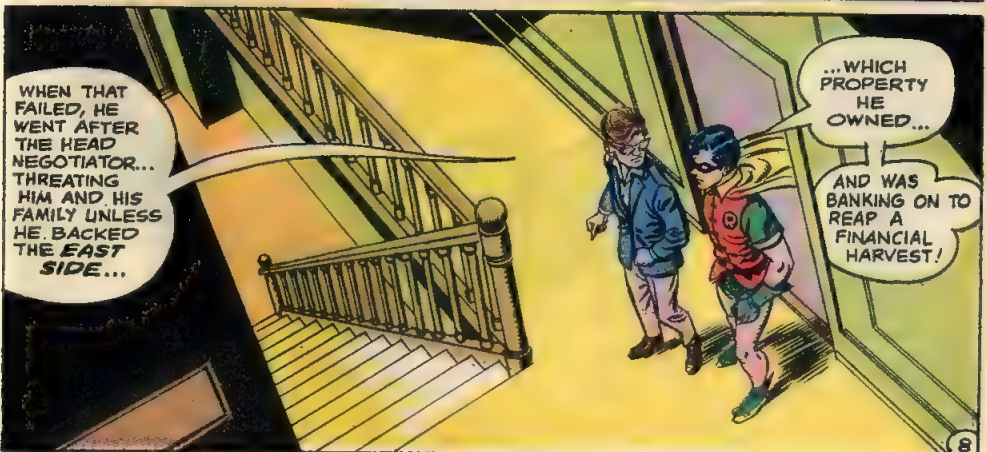
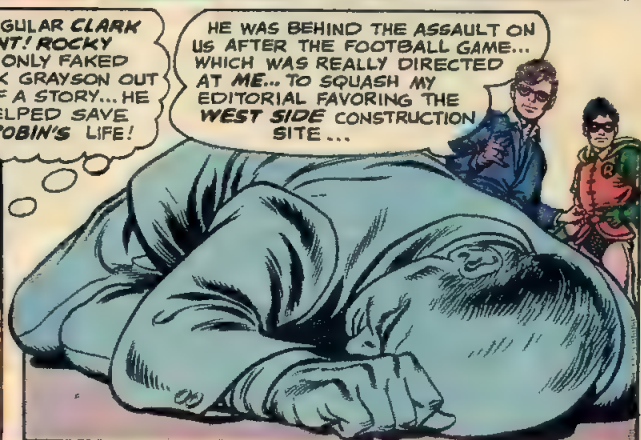




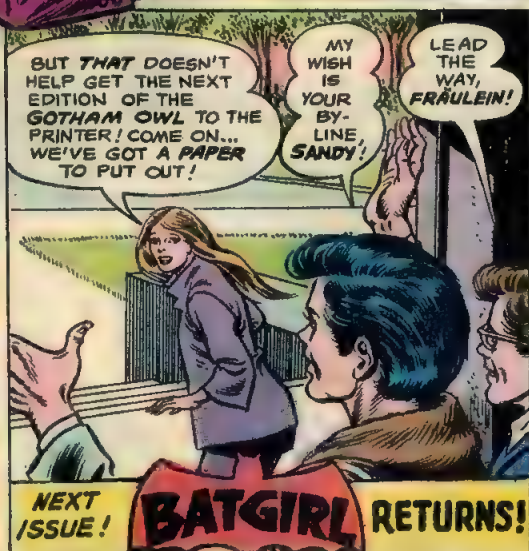
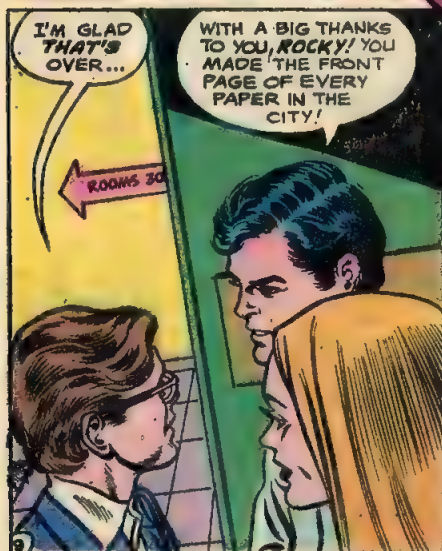
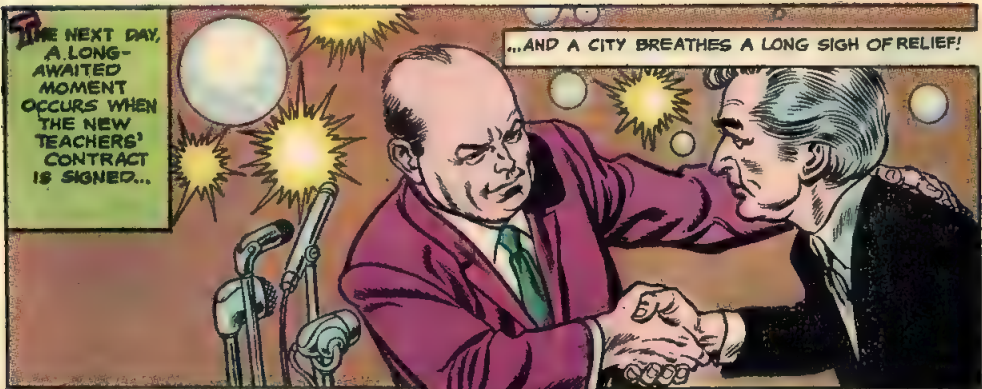










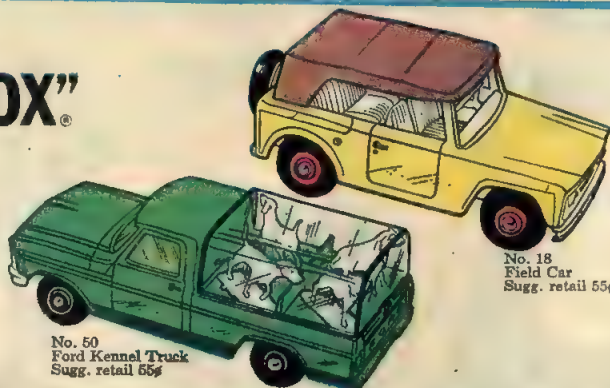


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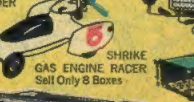
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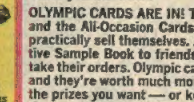
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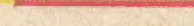
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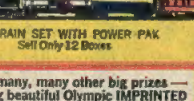
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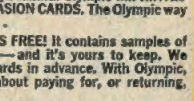
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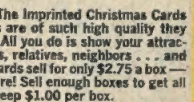
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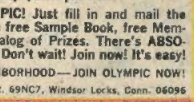
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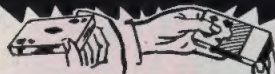
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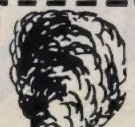
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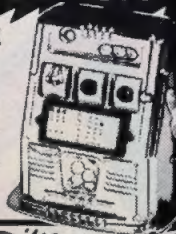


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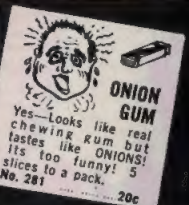
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